

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 9 remain in this application. Claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 2-4 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Keller et al. (USP 6,141,622). Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitation of a multidimensional plan view that “utilizes at least four dimensions.” This limitation, as presented in Claim 8, has been indicated by the Examiner as allowable. In this regard, USP 6,141,622 neither teaches nor suggests a multidimensional plan view that utilizes at least four dimensions.

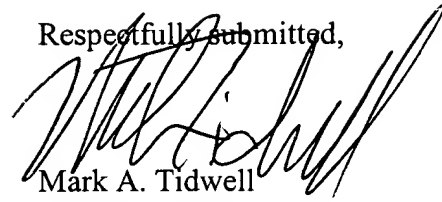
Claims 1, 5, 6 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious based on Keller et al. (USP 6,141,622) in view of several other cited references. In each rejection, Keller et al. was relied upon for teaching a “multidimensional plan view” as recited in the corresponding claim. In each of the independent Claims 1 and 5, the claim has been amended to include the limitation of a multidimensional plan view that “utilizes at least four dimensions.” Since Keller et al. does not teach or suggest a multidimensional plan view that utilizes at least four dimensions, the addition of this limitation in independent Claims 1 and 5 removes Keller et al. as a basis for their rejection. Further, since none of the other cited prior art references used in rejecting these claims were relied upon for teaching or suggesting a multidimensional plan view, the Claims as amended are not obvious in light of the prior art.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to note the change of address for Applicant's attorney and send all future correspondence to the address listed below. Change of Address documentation has been submitted.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Tidwell', is written over the typed name.

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